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1. (Amended) An optical disk cartridge comprising a casing having a pair of walls for accommodating an optical disk therein;

wherein said walls of the casing each comprise a clamping window for clamping said disk at the central portion thereof, and a reading and writing window for reading information from said disk and writing information on to said disk, said reading and writing window extending from a perimeter of said clamping window to a side edge of said casing;

wherein a shutter capable of opening and closing each of said clamping windows and each of said reading and writing windows is slidably provided on said casing; and

wherein a lateral width of each of said clamping windows as measured along a line intersecting a rotational axis of said optical disk and parallel to a sliding direction of said shutter is formed shorter than a longitudinal length of said clamping windows as measured along a line intersecting said rotational axis of said optical disk and orthogonal to the sliding direction of said shutter.

2. (Amended) An optical disk cartridge according to Claim 1, wherein the width of each of said clamping windows is defined by a pair of opposing linear portions extending orthogonal to the sliding direction of said shutter, and the length of each of said clamping windows is defined by arcuate portions connected to said linear portions; and

wherein a distance between said linear portions is shorter than a diameter of said arcuate portions.

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3. (Amended) An optical disk cartridge according to Claim 2, wherein the diameter of said arcuate portions of each of said clamping windows is ± 2 mm of 27.4 mm.